Research project

Step 1: After reading Saving Sharks and completing the questions, choose a similar topic that you will research. Make it something you care about! Suggestions: dolphin slaughter in Japan, seal slaughter in Canada, elephant poaching for tusks, ocean pollution, etc.

Step 2: Complete a 5 Writing Variables chart. The form is your choice. You could write an essay, make a poster, create a powerpoint, do a speech, anything. Leave the largest box for planning empty, as you will complete that part in a pre-writing organizer.

Step 3: Complete some sort of pre-writing organizer. This could be a hand drawn web, or an organizer like the one included in your module package. If you want a different one, let me know.

Step 4: Optional- complete the KWL Chart. Under K, write the things you already know, or think you know, about your topic. Under the W, write questions about your topic. These questions help you focus your research. The internet has so much information, it becomes overwhelming. You can’t possibly write about everything there is to know about your topic, so the questions will narrow down your research and make it manageable.

Step 5: Research while taking notes. The notes can be on your organizer or on a separate piece of looseleaf. The notes need to be written in short phrases- don’t copy complete sentences. If they are disorganized, it’s okay. You can organize them later but colour coding them, cutting and pasting them, or rewriting them on your map.

Step 6: Bibliography. Be sure that you write down all the information you need from each website you use. That includes the URL address, but also the title of the webpage, the author and the date it was last updated. This can usually be found at the bottom of the page or in the “about us” tab.

Step 7: Create your final copy in whatever format you choose.

How you will be marked:

/4 Writing Variables chart

/4 map, or outline, or graphic organizer

/4 notes- short phrases

/4 bibliography sources- cited properly and completely (at least 3 sources)

Final Copy

/4 Organization

/4 Content

/4 Purpose and audience is clear

/4 Conventions

/4 Visuals relevant, clear

**Total**

**/36 x 2 = /72**